



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS DOWN 2%

For the week ending March 25, 2006, growers placed 11.5 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 2.0% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.5 mill) decreased 2.0% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease 1.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.7 million for the week ending March 18, 2006 compared to 10.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
01/28/06	13,707	13,860	11,486	11,653	11,486	11,653
02/04/06	13,977	13,768	11,155	11,731	11,158	11,731
02/11/06	14,008	13,553	10,935	11,611	10,985	11,696
02/18/06	14,083	14,053	11,364	11,495	11,366	11,495
02/25/06	14,085	14,046	11,482	11,398	11,482	11,398
03/04/06	14,136	14,104	11,573	11,244	11,576	11,244
03/11/06	14,124	13,992	11,598	11,649	11,599	11,649
03/18/06	14,322	14,015	11,654	11,502	11,657	11,502
03/25/06	13,927	13,677	11,725	11,493	11,726	11,493

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 04/01/06	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	51.91	54.58	69.60	72.78
12-City Composite 2/	60.55	60.89	63.59	74.07

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.